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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Lopez-Berestein et al.

Serial No.: 09/982,113

Filed: October 17, 2001

For: A METHOD TO INCORPORATE N-(4-

HYDROXYPHENYL) RETINAMIDE IN

LIPOSOMES

Group Art Unit: 1615

Examiner: Kishore, Gollamudi S.

Atty. Dkt. No.: UTSC:660US

AMENDMENT; AND RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION DATED JUNE 17, 2003

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Commissioner:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated June 17, 2003, for which the three-month date for response was September 17, 2003.

A request for a two-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This extension will bring the due date to November 17, 2003, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/UTSC:660US.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.